

Thanksgiving is Season for Winter Preparation of Garden

Traditionally, Thanksgiving marks the end of the harvest season and the beginning of the holidays. It is a day when the fields lie clear and crisp in the brisk autumn air... a day of rest before the work of preparation for winter begins.

Having become largely a nation of city dwellers, few Americans can realize the thrill of a Thanksgiving in the country... for Thanksgiving is really a rural holiday... truly a day when thanks is given for a bountiful harvest... a successful growing season.

However, even in the city, the last few golden autumn days with a new color in every leaf and a promise of colder weather to follow the gardener out-of-doors to enjoy the memory of summer.

Winter Preparation
To the city gardener as to the country farmer, Thanksgiving is a season for winter preparation. As the farmer must prepare his soil for a winter of spring planting... the gardener must likewise see to preparing his soil and the protection of those plants that might suffer damage from frost or exposure.

Thus, Thanksgiving time is a time for the gardener to begin frost protection measures, dormant spraying and a time for putting mulch throughout the garden.

It's hardly anticipated that even the ardent gardener will forsake the wands of a kitchen busy with preparation for the Thanksgiving feast; however, to many, the long week ahead presents a time for getting out-of-doors, and work in the garden a therapeutic measure for the effects of over-indulgence at the table.

Mulch For Protection
Mulching will protect those trees and shrubs that are occasionally nipped by the frost. And, as a further protective measure, the California Association of Nurserymen suggest a

wrapping of several thicknesses of newspaper. In some cases, hanging burlap over a frame which provides six-inches of air-space around the shrub or plant with air-space underneath will keep off "Ole man frost."

If your frost protection efforts fail because of an unusually severe cold spell—then DO NOTHING. Leave the plant alone until new growth starts. For if green shoots appear, then you'll know nature has effected

County Yule Bureau Opens In San Pedro

The Los Angeles Social Service Department opened its annual Christmas Clearing Bureau today, with a branch office in this area for the first time in the San Pedro City Hall, Room 301.

The bureau is a service the department has provided for the accommodations of many agencies, organizations and clubs seeking to furnish Christmas cheer to needy families.

This service is to avoid duplication in Christmas giving to the needy. Clearance cards for use by donors, to be used in forwarding names and addresses of families selected to receive gifts, may be obtained at this branch office, according to Mrs. Joe Goss, who is in charge of the branch office.

No gifts are available from this bureau as this service is confined to checking the names referred for clearance and reporting to the donor whether the family has been provided for by some other person or agency.

The branch office in San Pedro will accommodate the surrounding communities such as Torrance, Rolling Hills, Lomita, Harbor City and Wilmington.

its own healing. Above all, do not cut a way frosted leaves, foliage or stems at a risk of losing plants for certain if you do.

These late fall days are also an ideal time to "sneak up" on pests which are currently inactive by permanently deactivating them with a dormant spray. Apply it at maximum strength—according to directions—being sure to keep spray off the evergreens. Wash evergreens immediately if spray accidentally falls on them. Another fine way of working off over-indulgence is to get in deciduous shrubs, trees, berries, small fruits and hardy evergreens. Your nurseryman has an especially fine selection of these types this time of the year.

Good Clean-up Helps
And, of course, it goes without saying that a clean-up now will improve the appearance and health of your garden. In

the rose beds, clear away summer mulch and burn it along with any infested rose leaves and stems. And, while you're cleaning look over your garden objectively. Are there plants that no longer belong... or add beauty; can you successfully employ some planting devices to spruce up the over-all appearance such as arbors, planters or terraces?

And when you've accomplished these chores and still haven't worked off that turkey dinner—you might spread a load of manure around shrubby beds and in spring planting areas so that it will be well rotted and harmless to tender young plants when you set them out.

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Moose Plan 'Toyful' Yule For Children

Officers and members of the Torrance Moose lodge have adopted a resolution to support the Moose "Operation Santa Claus" campaign by sponsoring a toy collection for needy children, according to Richard Hobbs, chairman of the lodge's civic affairs committee.

The Moose fraternity is sponsoring this program internationally in an effort to assure a "toyful" Christmas for every needy boy and girl in the United States, Canada and Alaska. There will be more than 1700 communities participating in this campaign. More than

3,000,000 toys are to be collected.

The Moose locally, said Hobbs, will soon announce an organized plan whereby the people of the community may contribute either new or undamaged used toys which will be distributed to children on Christmas Eve.

A number of collection depots will be set up throughout the city and colorful posters and banners will clearly mark these collection depots, he said. The Moose lodge, with the cooperation of Chapter 44, Women of the Moose, is to supply all the manpower needed for the collection, wrapping and distribution of the toys.

Needy children, in homes, orphanages, and hospitals, whose names will be obtained by the Moose Lodge from recognized social welfare agencies, will be the recipients of the toys. All of the toys will be distributed in the local area, said Hobbs, and none will be sent to outside institutions or homes.

"We want this to be very much a local project, for our own needy kids," he said.

LAKE COUNT
Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes, actually has more than 11,000.

Warrior Homecoming Decorations Stolen

Somebody stole Hawaiian decorations valued at \$225 from a Homecoming float at El Camino College Thursday, Kathy Monson told sheriff's deputies. The decorations, six by 18 feet long, consisted of a white lei, slipper satin, and paper, she said, and had been on the float since the Homecoming parade. Deputies suspected the thief was "My Little Grass Shack."

Find Wedding Ring

W. E. Oliver, of San Pedro, found a white gold wedding and engagement set in Robt's Market Friday and turned the jewelry into officers at the Torrance Police Station.

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